



LOUISIANA NATURAL AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM

PERMIT APPLICATIONPermit # 960 (Assigned by Department)

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' Scenic Rivers program is authorized by LRS title 56, Chapter 9 Part II. This law requires permits authorizing activities in or affecting rivers that have been designated by the Louisiana Legislature as Natural and Scenic. Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the application for a permit. Information in this application is made a matter of public record through issuance of a public notice. Disclosure of the information requested is voluntary, however, the data requested is necessary in order to communicate with the applicant and to evaluate the permit application. If necessary information is not provided, the permit application cannot be processed nor can a permit be issued.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant	Louis Haywood (NODPW)	Name of Agent (if any)	Eric Colwart (Meyer Engineers, LTD.)
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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY

Brief summary of the description and purpose of the proposed activity (details to be attached as a separate document)

Construction of approx. 2500LF of 10' wide concrete bicycle-pedestrian path on the east side of Wisner Blvd., near bayou St. John, starting at Esplanade Ave. and ending at existing path at Zachary Taylor Dr. The purpose of this project is to provide a recreation path to improve linkage with other paths in the area.

Is any portion of the activity complete? YES or NO (If yes, indicate month and year of completion)

LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY

Stream Name	Bayou St. John
Address	Wisner Blvd. and Esplanade Ave.
City, State, Zip	New Orleans, LA, 70119
Parish	Orleans
Sec/Township/Range	T 12 S / R 11 E
Latitude/Longitude	29.9841556/-90.086222

ADJACENT LANDOWNERS

Names, Addresses, Phone Numbers of Adjacent Landowners
New Orleans City Park, 1 Palm Dr, New Orleans, LA 70124, 504-482-4288

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

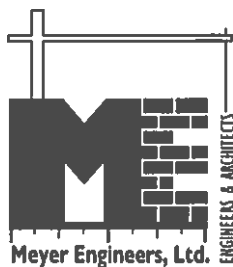
Must be a separate document. See the attached instruction sheet for completing the assessment.

CONFIRMATION OF INFORMATION ACCURACY

Application is hereby made for a Scenic River Permit to authorize the activities described herein. I certify that I am familiar with the information contained in this application and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, such information is true, complete, and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the proposed activities, or I am acting as the duly authorized agent of the applicant.


Signature4-6-2016
Date

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April 14, 2016

Mr. Chris Davis
LDWF Scenic Rivers Program
200 Quail Drive, Room 432
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Re: Wisner Shared Use Path Extension
State Project No. H.011857
A/E Project No. 20-1520

Dear Mr. Davis,

On behalf of the City of New Orleans Department of Public Works, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, please find enclosed a Scenic Rivers Permit application for the Wisner Shared Use Path Extension Project. The project consists of the construction of approximately 2,500 LF of a 10' wide concrete bicycle-pedestrian path on the east side of Wisner Boulevard, along Bayou St. John, starting at Esplanade Avenue and ending at an existing path at Zachary Taylor Drive. The purpose of this project is to connect existing pedestrian paths at Esplanade Avenue, the Wisner Bridge, and Zachary Taylor Drive, and to improve the overall pedestrian linkage and accessibility of the City.

Please advise of any additional information required for processing the permit.

Sincerely,

Meyer Engineers, Ltd.

Eric Colwart

EC/bgc

Enclosure

**Environmental Assessment
For Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers System
Permit Application
for the City of New Orleans Department of Public Works
Wisner Shared Use Path Extension**

April, 2016

1. Existing Land Use:

No adverse impacts are expected. For a majority of the project, there is an existing 4' wide sidewalk which will be removed and replaced with a 10' wide sidewalk, so the current use of the area will not change. The remainder of the project extends the path to connect with an existing path allowing pedestrians to avoid using vehicle roads but maintaining the current use of the area.

2. Wilderness Qualities:

No adverse impacts are expected. Current land use will remain the same. Minimal impact to existing trees. Coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as well as the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) was conducted via a Solicitation of Views. The USFWS indicated that the proposed project would not affect a federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat. The LDWF indicated that no impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated for the proposed project.

3. Scenic Values:

No adverse impacts are expected. Existing broken or damaged sidewalk will be removed and replaced with new path and new area will be more accessible to pedestrians, improving the overall scenic value.

4. Ecological Regimes:

No adverse impacts are expected. Current land use will remain the same.

5. Recreation Use/Opportunities:

No adverse impacts are expected. Pedestrian and bicycle traffic may be temporarily interrupted during construction, but the project will improve the recreational use and quality of the area and the City overall by constructing the new path and connecting with existing paths.

6. Aesthetic Value:

No adverse impacts are expected. Existing broken or damaged sidewalk will be removed and replaced with new path increasing the aesthetic value.

7. Fish and Other Aquatic Life:

No adverse impacts are expected. Construction activities will not directly impact the bayou and Best Management Practices (BMPs), such as erosion control structures, will be implemented. Coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as well as the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) was conducted via a Solicitation of Views. The USFWS indicated that the proposed project would not affect a federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat. The LDWF indicated that no impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated for the proposed project.

8. Wildlife:

No adverse impacts are expected. Coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as well as the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) was conducted via a Solicitation of Views. The USFWS indicated that the proposed project would not affect a federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat. The LDWF indicated that no impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated for the proposed project.

9. Historical and Archeological Resources:

No adverse impacts are expected. Coordination with the Louisiana State Historical Preservation Officer was conducted via a Solicitation of Views, and it was determined that no historic properties would be adversely affected.

10. Geological Resources

No adverse impacts are expected. Only minimal excavation ($\pm 11"$) will be required for the construction of the path.

11. Botanical Resources (Vegetation)

Minimal impact. Two trees are expected to need removal for construction of path. Grass areas disturbed during construction will be re-vegetated by sodding.

12. Water Quality and Quantity

No adverse impacts are expected. Construction activities will not directly impact the bayou and Best Management Practices (BMPs), such as erosion control structures, will be implemented.

13. Hydrologic Features

No adverse impacts are expected. Construction activities will not directly impact the bayou.

14. Cultural Resources

No adverse impacts are expected. Coordination with the Louisiana State Historical Preservation Officer was conducted via a Solicitation of Views, and it was determined that no historic properties would be adversely affected. The extension of the path will improve pedestrian access to cultural resources in the area.

15. Economic Impact of Project

No adverse impacts are expected. Extension of the path to connect with existing paths will allow better pedestrian access to businesses in various parts of the City having a positive economic impact.

Applicant's Compliance History

To the best of my knowledge, the City of New Orleans Department of Public Works has not been cited for a violation of the Scenic Rivers Act.

List of Steps Taken to Minimize Impact to Bayou St. John

- The Contractor will be required to follow the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Developments (LADOTD) standard erosion control plans which include silt fencing.
- The Contractor will be required to follow the LADOTD Standard Specification section regarding Environmental Protection

Reasonable Alternatives

No alternatives were considered because this project is meant to extend a specific existing path to connect with other existing paths.

List of Other Permits Required

No other permits are required at this time. A Joint Permit Application was filled with the United States Army Corps of Engineers and LA Department of Natural Resources and the proposed project has been "exempt", and a Coastal Use Permit is not required.



State of Louisiana

BOBBY JINDAL
GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

ROBERT J. BARHAM
SECRETARY

Dear Scenic River Permit Applicant:

Please review and concur on the following statement regarding the issuance of permits by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. This agreement must be signed and returned before a Scenic River Permit can be issued.

"I have been advised and do understand that by applying for and accepting a Scenic Rivers permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, I am being allowed to engage in an activity which would otherwise be prohibited by law or for which a permit is required. I understand that the permit is not a license and confers no property right upon me. I specifically agree to abide by all State and Federal fish and wildlife laws and regulations, and all State and Federal laws and regulations which relate to this permit or the permitted activity, and by all other terms and conditions of this permit. I understand that the permit for which I am applying may be suspended, annulled, withdrawn or revoked and that I may be assessed civil penalties, all in accordance with the provision of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, and that I may be denied future permits as a consequence of my failure to fully and completely comply with the terms and conditions of the permit, as well as other laws and regulations pertinent thereto. If served with or notified of a cease and desist order signed by the Scenic Rivers Administrator, I agree to immediately and without delay cease all activities and operations which relate to the permitted activity or which are impacting the Scenic River, until such time as the matter can be resolved in an adjudicatory hearing pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. I understand and agree that any permit issued to me by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is in the nature of a privilege which is being voluntarily extended to me by the Department and the failure on my part to cooperate with the Department can result in the loss of the privilege conferred and the denial of future requests for permits. By accepting this permit, I evidence my agreement to be bound by all conditions and stipulations set forth herein."

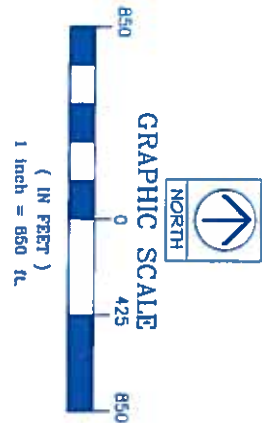
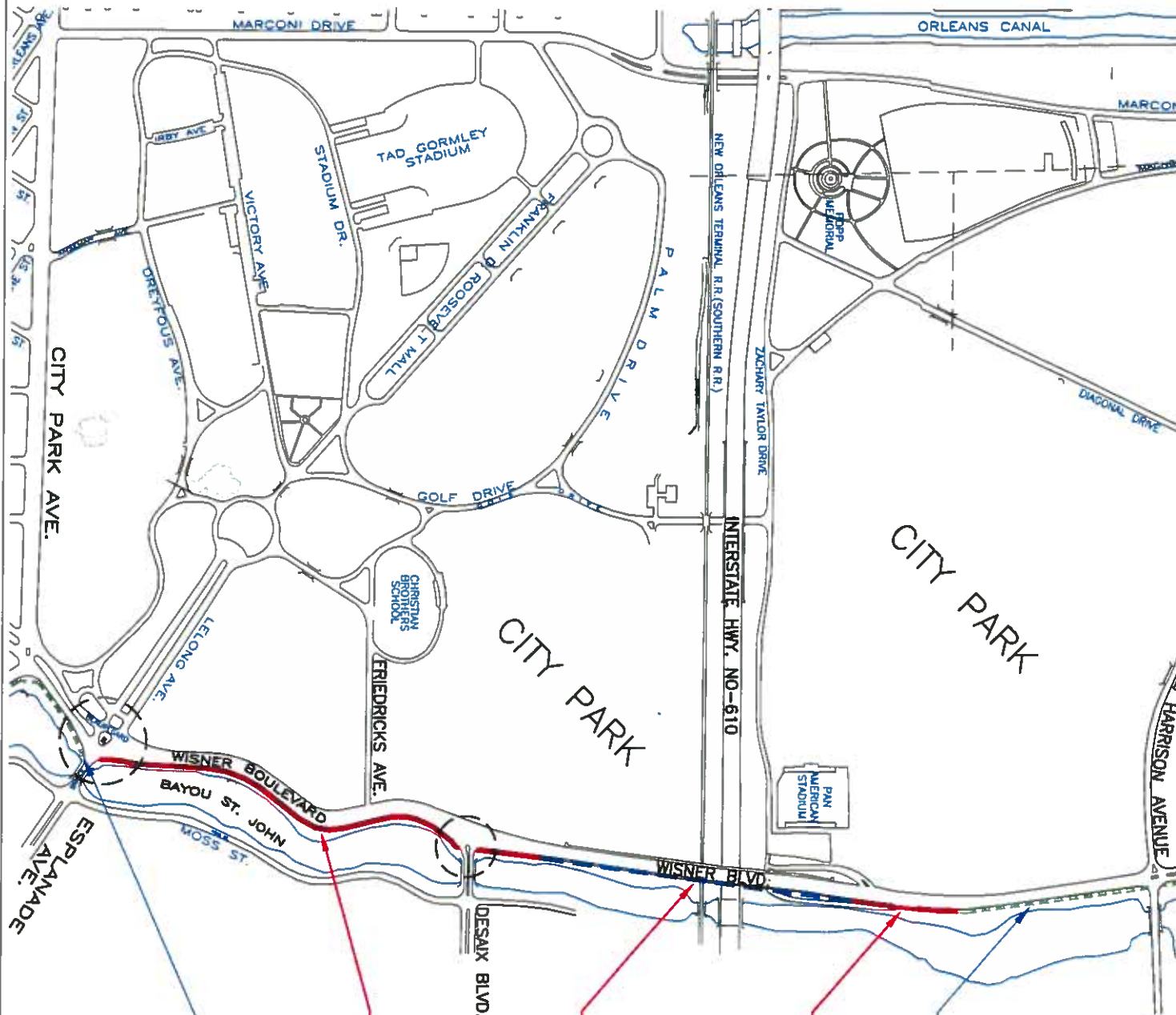


Authorized Signature

4-6-2016

Date

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EXISTING PATH

PROPOSED 10' WIDE CONCRETE SIDEWALK BETWEEN BAYOU ST. JOHN AND WISNER BLVD.

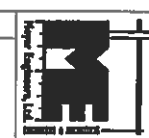
A MULTI-USE PATH IS BEING CONSTRUCTED ON THE WISNER BLVD. BRIDGE AS PART OF THE WISNER BLVD. BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT OVER I-610.

PROPOSED 10' WIDE CONCRETE SIDEWALK BETWEEN BAYOU ST. JOHN AND WISNER BLVD.

EXISTING PATH

SITE MAP

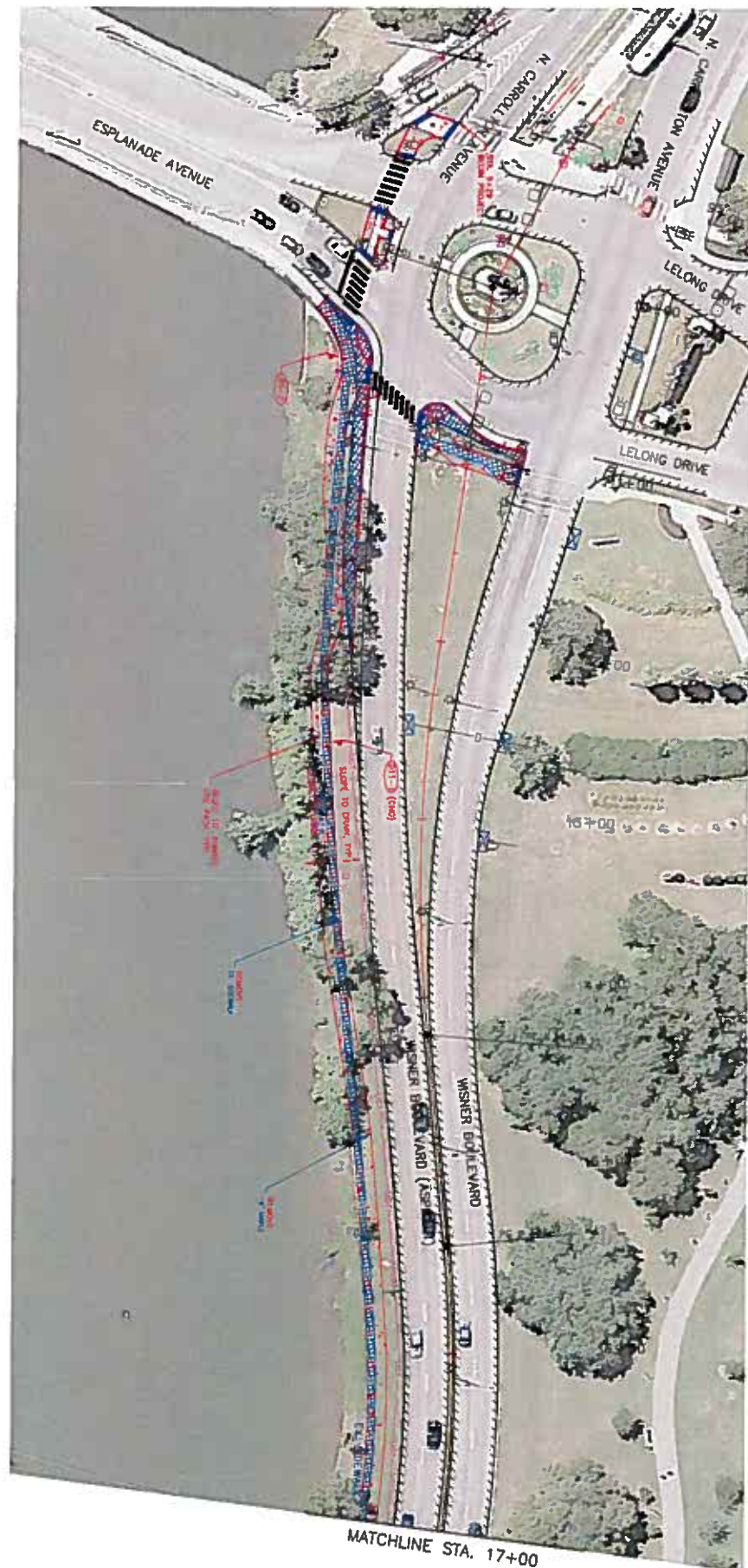
WISNER SHARED USE PATH EXTENSION



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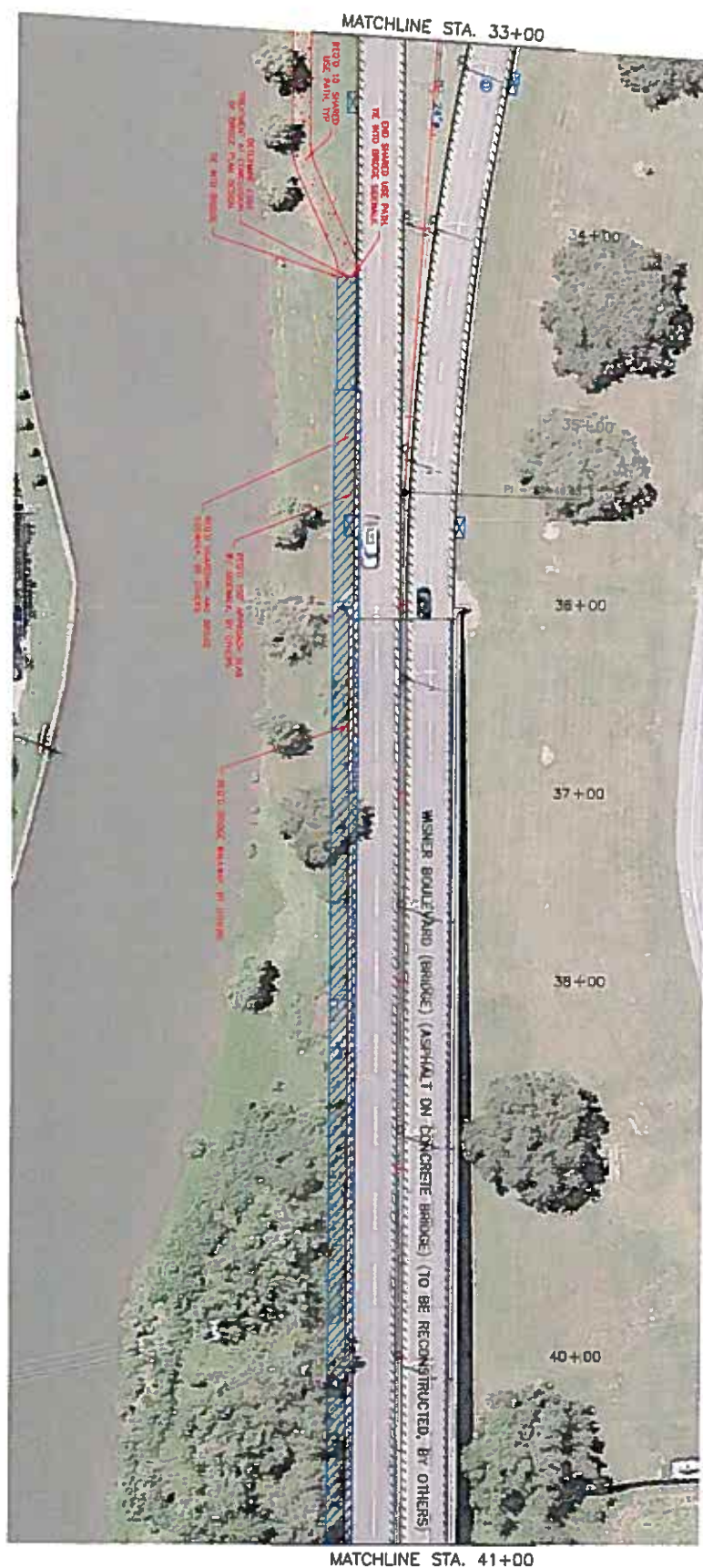


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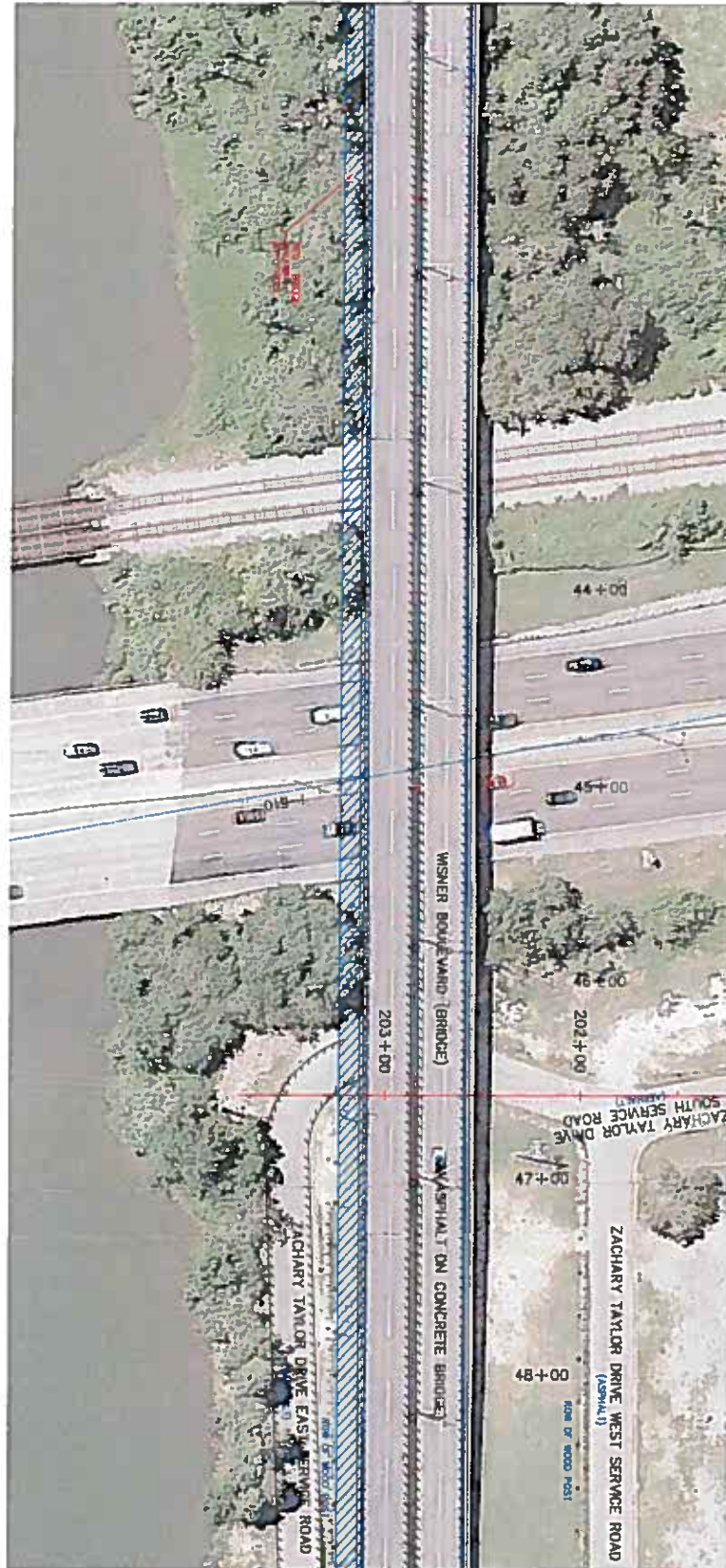


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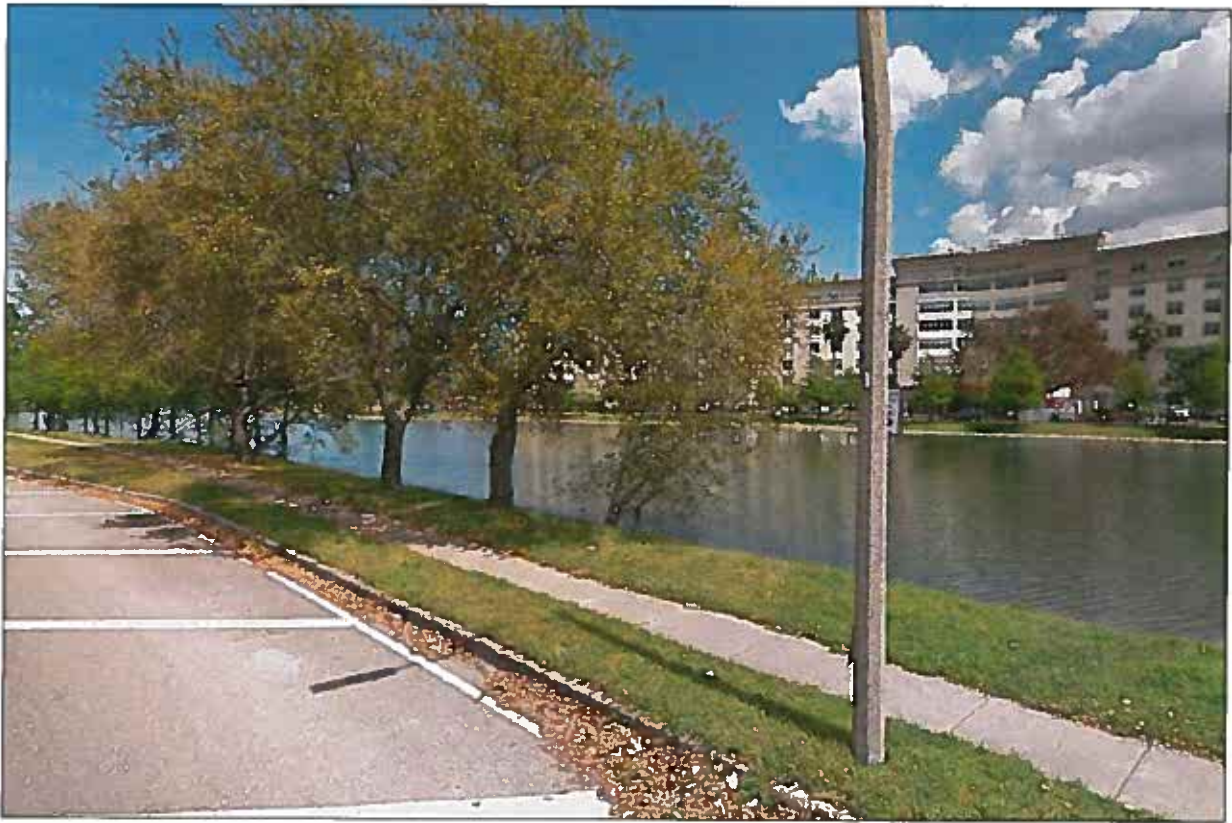


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**PHOTO 1: TAKEN FROM WEST BANK (PROJECT SIDE),
SOUTH END (@ ESPLANADE AVE.)**



**PHOTO 2: TAKEN FROM EAST BANK (OPPOSITE PROJECT SIDE),
SOUTH END (@ ESPLANADE AVE.)**



**PHOTO 3: TAKEN FROM WEST BANK (PROJECT SIDE),
NORTH END (@ ZACHARY TAYLOR DR.)**



**PHOTO 4: TAKEN FROM EAST BANK (OPPOSITE PROJECT SIDE),
NORTH END (@ ZACHARY TAYLOR DR.)**